

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Forsyth Conference Center
Cumming, Georgia
August 29, 2014

MINUTES

The GMRC Executive Committee met on Thursday, August 29, 2014, 5:30 p.m. at Forsyth Conference Center in Cumming, Georgia. The meeting was hosted by Forsyth County Commission.

CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman Dean Scarborough called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending. The following members were present:

Executive Committee Present

Dean Scarborough, Vice-Chairman
George Wangemann, Secretary
Bill Black
Bill Chafin
Jim Conley
Rex Farmer
J.B. Jones
David Stovall

GMRC Staff Present

W. Danny Lewis, Executive Director
Peggy Lovell, Executive Assistant

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Vice-Chairman Scarborough asked for consideration of the minutes of the July 31, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting. Motion for approval of the minutes was made by Jim Conley, seconded by Bill Chafin, and motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Executive Directors Report

Executive Director Danny Lewis reported that Dr. Ray Perren would be the program for this meeting. Dr. Perren is the President of Lanier Technical College. The RC's Workforce Development Department does a tremendous amount of work with the area technical schools.

Joe Rothwell would also make a presentation on the Dahlonega Historic District Guidelines. This project won a NADO Innovation Award.

Mr. Lewis and Heather Feldman attended the Bon-a-Appetite event at Jaemor Farms. Cheryl Smith with Georgia Department of Economic Development spear headed this function. It was to

encourage buying and using local grown foods. State officials such as Agriculture Commissioner Gary Black, DCA Commissioner Gretchen Corbin, and other officials attended. Mr. Lewis asked the Committee to look in the grocery stores to see if they have signs posted stating that food items are Georgia grown.

GARC has prepared a response to DCA on travel issues that were addressed in DCA's Regional Commissions Performance Audit. A copy of this document was emailed to the Executive Committee for your review and will be discussed at a later date.

Check Exceeding \$25,000

This month there were no checks exceeding this amount.

OLD BUSINESS

GMRC Audit

Auditor Chris Edwards has been in the RC office for the last week gathering information to complete our Audit. He met with Mr. Lewis to discuss the Audit before returning to his office to complete working on the Audit.

NEW BUSINESS

CEDS Review Process

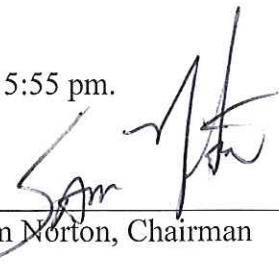
Heather Feldman will be speaking to the Council about the CEDS document review process. This document will be emailed to the Council for their review before the September Council Meeting.

Annual Meeting Report

The Executive Committee was encouraged to get at least one \$250 sponsor for the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting Committee has confirmed our talent for this year and promises excellent entertainment. The Executive Committee discussed getting the Save-the-Date notice sent out early so cities and counties will not schedule their local events on the same date. Notices will be sent out next week.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was recessed to the Council Meeting at 5:55 pm.



Sam Norton, Chairman



George Wangemann, Secretary